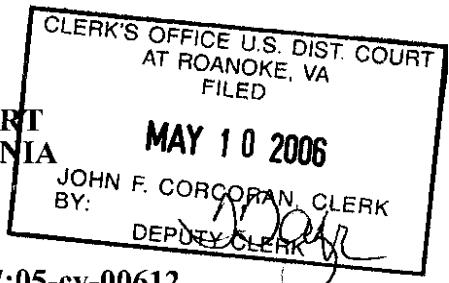


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ROANOKE DIVISION



RICHARD SCOTT KELLER,
Petitioner,

v.

GENE M. JOHNSON,
Respondent.

) Civil Action No. 7:05-cv-00612

) FINAL ORDER

) By: Hon. James C. Turk
Senior United States District Judge

In accordance with the accompanying memorandum opinion, it is hereby

ADJUDGED AND ORDERED

that respondent's motion to dismiss shall be and is hereby **GRANTED**; the petition for habeas corpus, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2254, shall be and hereby is **DISMISSED**; and the action is hereby stricken from the active docket of the court.

The Clerk is directed to send certified copies of this order and the accompanying memorandum opinion to petitioner and to counsel of record for the respondent.

ENTER: This 10th day of May, 2006.

James C. Turk

Senior United States District Judge